



REPRESENTATIVE RUSH HOLT

2007 Year-end Report



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Rush Holt – Your Representative in Congress

Dear Friend,

This past year – the ninth in which I have been privileged to serve as your representative – marked a change in Congress, with a new majority and new leadership. For my part, I have remained committed to the principles and constituent service for which you first sent me to Washington, DC.

This report – including the map – will provide a sampling of my work on behalf of the 12th Congressional District: voting on legislation in Congress on behalf of the 700,000 residents of Central New Jersey, giving public voice to their concerns, highlighting their successes and challenges, and helping individuals with specific problems they encounter with the federal bureaucracy. It includes, for example, securing \$26.8 million in new funding for defense efforts at Fort Monmouth, obtaining grants to local first responders and school districts, and holding town hall meetings across the district.

I have supported a number of initiatives that Congress enacted into law this year: implementation of the 9/11 Commission recommendations, raising the minimum wage for the first time in a decade, providing the largest college aid expansion since the GI Bill of 1944, allocating funding to treat soldiers for traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder, and establishing much-needed ethics and lobbying reform.

We still have much to do in the new year, including making a long-overdue course change in Iraq, enacting election reform, providing tax relief to middle class families, and renewing the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

As always, I want to remain accessible and open to you, and I continue to look for new ways to stay in touch. Please contact me toll-free at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT for assistance.

Sincerely,



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Rep. Rush Holt joined Rep. David Price (NC-4), NJ & NY Port Authority Deputy Executive Director for Operations Ernesto Butch, and NJ Transit Police Chief Joseph Bober at Newark Penn Station where they discussed Congressional efforts to increase funding for rail and transit security programs.

Please visit my Web site at www.holt.house.gov to learn more about what I am working on, and to sign up for my weekly e-mail newsletter, the [eGenda](#).

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12th Congressional District – Examples of some local results in 2007.

Hunterdon County Invited 50 New Jersey farmers to Washington to discuss agricultural issues and hunger prevention; speakers included Members of Congress and representatives of food and agricultural agencies and groups.

Franklin Held a town hall meeting in Franklin as well as in Sergeantsville, Freehold, Ewing, Middletown, Cranbury, West Windsor, Eatontown, North Brunswick, South Brunswick and Plainsboro.

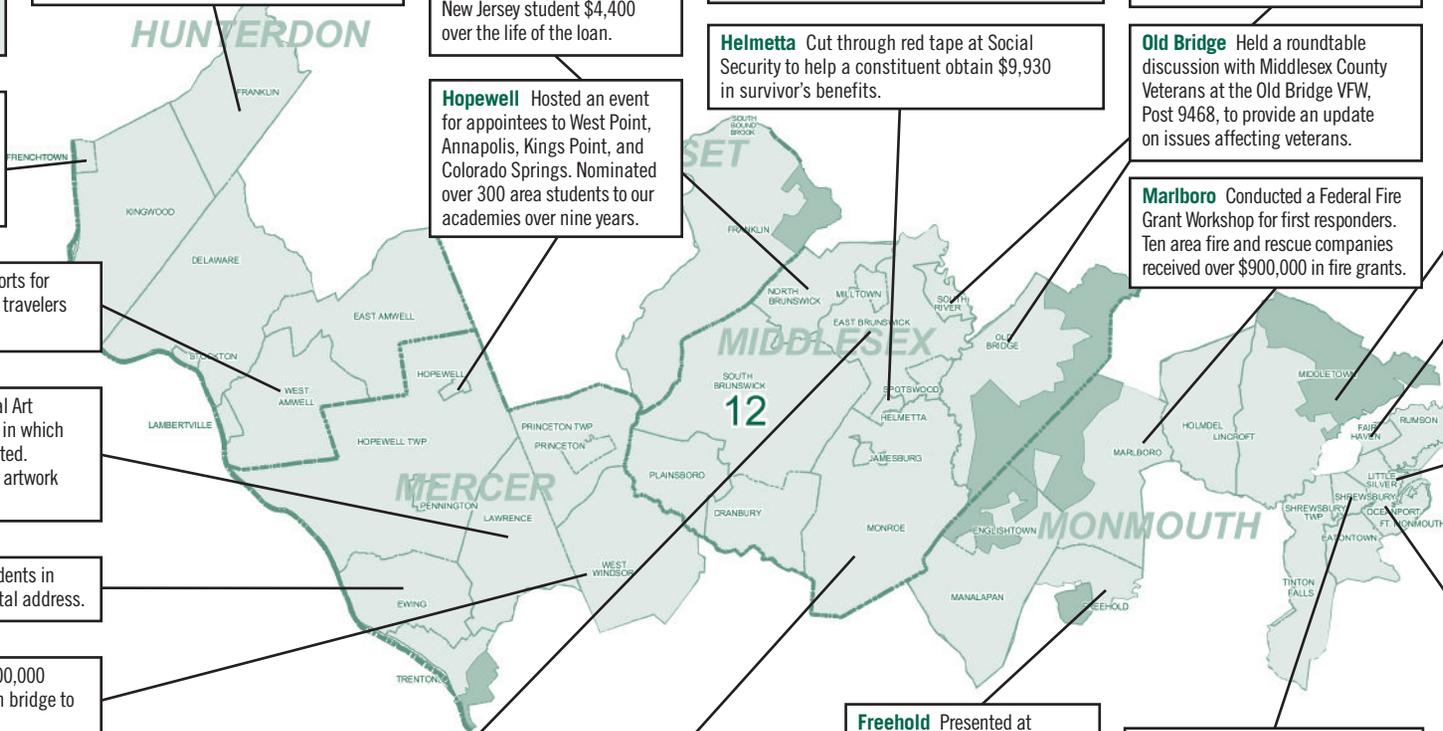
North Brunswick Sponsored legislation signed into law to cut interest rates in half on student loans over the next four years, saving the average New Jersey student \$4,400 over the life of the loan.

Somerset County Toured Head Start facilities to get suggestions on changes to the Program. Congress passed into law a Head Start bill that raises teacher qualifications and increases teacher and staff salaries.

South River Helped to obtain a \$79,500,000 federal authorization for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for environmental restoration to the Raritan River Basin.

Middlesex County Provided internships to 14 Middlesex County students and 33 students from other counties both in his Washington and New Jersey offices. Nominated three Congressional pages.

Frenchtown Successfully assisted a constituent in obtaining his Medicare payment after the agency incorrectly claimed that it was not his primary payer.



Hopewell Hosted an event for appointees to West Point, Annapolis, Kings Point, and Colorado Springs. Nominated over 300 area students to our academies over nine years.

Helmetta Cut through red tape at Social Security to help a constituent obtain \$9,930 in survivor's benefits.

Old Bridge Held a roundtable discussion with Middlesex County Veterans at the Old Bridge VFW, Post 9468, to provide an update on issues affecting veterans.

Middletown Organized "Exporting 101" conference with the U.S. Department of Commerce to assist local businesses in finding overseas markets for their goods and services.

West Amwell Obtained U.S. Passports for West Amwell family and hundreds of travelers who needed them before their trips.

Lawrence Sponsored Congressional Art Competition at Bristol-Myers Squibb in which 99 students from 24 towns participated. East Brunswick student Sandy Cao's artwork is on display in the U.S. Capitol.

Marlboro Conducted a Federal Fire Grant Workshop for first responders. Ten area fire and rescue companies received over \$900,000 in fire grants.

Fair Haven Assisted a constituent in obtaining compensation from the TSA for airline luggage that had been damaged during screening.

Ewing Township Assisted the residents in establishing Ewing as a distinct postal address.

West Windsor Helped secure a \$200,000 federal grant for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge to connect to miles of trails.

Little Silver Stopped Social Security from double billing a Medicare patient.

Mercer County Met with 22 area school superintendents to seek recommendations for Congress to rewrite the No Child Left Behind Act.

East Brunswick Arranged citizenship oath ceremony for 24 individuals from 20 counties before an assembly at Churchill Junior High School.

Monroe Escorted a rabbi for Holocaust Day of Remembrance Service in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Freehold Presented at Biotechnology High School a \$5.1 million U.S. Department of Labor grant to improve the life-sciences workforce in Central New Jersey.

Shrewsbury Worked with Israel and Egypt to clear travel arrangements for a Palestinian boy from Gaza to receive life saving surgery from a Shrewsbury surgeon.

Oceanport Presented an American flag, flown over the U.S. Capitol, for Blackberry Bay Park.

Monmouth County Obtained \$26.8 million in new federal funding to support military intelligence, communications and electronics programs at Ft. Monmouth, resulting in hundreds of new jobs.

If I can be of any help, please contact me by calling toll free 1-87-RUSH-HOLT (1-877-874-4658) or e-mailing through www.holt.house.gov. Also, please visit my website for more information.

Please note that the darker green areas indicate that portions of Franklin Twp. (Somerset County), Freehold, Manalapan, Marlboro, Middletown, Old Bridge, and Trenton are not in the 12th district.

* Map courtesy of the NJ Department of Transportation.